



Fatalities #22 - August 27, 2005
Fall/Slide Material - CO - Stone (C&B)
Albert Frei & Sons Inc. - Walstrum Mine

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On August 27, 2005, a 26-year old front-end loader operator, with four years mining experience, was fatally injured at a crushed stone operation. The victim was digging material with a front-end loader near the toe of a bank when rocks rolled and struck the loader cab.



Best Practices

- Adopt mining methods that ensure miners are not positioned in areas where they are exposed to hazards.
- Conduct a risk analysis before starting the task. Examine work areas to identify all possible hazards. Ensure that all hazards are evaluated and eliminated so the task can be safely performed.

This is the 22nd fatality reported in calendar year 2005 in Metal and Nonmetal mining. As of this date in 2004, there were 18 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 3rd fatality classified as Falling/Sliding Material in 2005. There were 2 Falling/Sliding Material fatalities in the same period in 2004.

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